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Adam Strohm, librarian Public Library, Detroit, Mich. 103 votes.

Members of Council
(for five years)

W. Dawson Johnston, librarian Public Library, St. Paul, Minn. 104 votes.

Joseph L. Wheeler, librarian Reuben McMillan Free Library, Youngstown, Ohio. 102 votes.

Mary S. Saxe, librarian Public Library, Westmount, P. Q., Canada. 105 votes.

Jessie Fremont Hume, librarian Queens Borough Public Library, Jamaica, N. Y. 102 votes.

Henry N. Sanborn, librarian Public Library, Bridgeport, Conn. 104 votes.

Trustee of endowment fund

M. Taylor Pyne, Princeton, N. J. 103 votes.

President-elect Bishop was escorted to the platform by Dr. Wire and Mr. Carr.

President MONTGOMERY: It now becomes my proud duty to present to you this scepter of power together with all the joys and sorrows, the responsibilities and emoluments of office. I do this the more gladly because I know of your loyalty to the ideals of this Association. To use a homely but timely illustration, I know that if this ad-

ministration has dropped a stitch you will catch it up and if that is not possible that you will unravel the mesh with a kindly hand and replace it with the well-woven fabric of constructive usefulness.

You have our heart-felt wishes for a happy and successful administration.

President-elect BISHOP: The incoming president is wise who makes no predictions and prefers to let his administration speak to the membership of the Association by its deeds. I am, however, deeply sensible of the honor conferred upon me personally by election to this office. I am also highly gratified that in my person the university and college libraries of the United States for the fifth time received this recognition in the history of the Association, and before declaring the convention adjourned I beg to place not only my individual efforts but those of the entire membership of the Association in Dr. Putnam's hands in the conduct of the library war service. We stand behind him and we will stand behind him with all our might and heart and soul unto the end.

There being no further business to come before the Association, the Conference was adjourned *sine die*.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

FIRST SESSION

A meeting of the Executive Board was held at Saratoga Springs, July 1, 1918.

Present: President Montgomery, Vice-President Eastman, Electra C. Doren, Josephine A. Rathbone, Frank P. Hill, M. S. Dudgeon, S. H. Ranck and A. L. Bailey.

The minutes of the last meeting (January 2, 1918) were approved as printed in the *Bulletin* for March.

Voted, That election of officers be held on Thursday, July 4, and that polls be open from 12 noon to 2:30 p. m. and again from 5 to 6 p. m.

Voted, That William Teal and one other to be chosen by him be tellers of election (Mr. Teal appointed Gertrude Forstall).

Voted, That the Executive Board recommend to the Association the amendment of Section 12 of the Constitution, so that the last sentence be changed to read as follows:

"The Finance Committee shall audit the accounts of the secretary, treasurer, trustees of the endowment fund, treasurer of the Publishing Board, and all other accounts, and report to the Association at the annual meeting."

Voted, To exempt from payment of membership dues for the duration of the war all those who are in the military or naval service of the country.

The Executive Board, at the request of the War Service Committee, took the following action relative to a second money campaign:

Voted, That the War Service Committee of the American Library Association through its subcommittee on Library War Finance be authorized to conduct* a second financial campaign, and to solicit funds in the name of the American Library Association for the purpose of providing books and personal library service to soldiers and sailors in this country and abroad and for carrying on such other activities as are manifestly related to library war service. The funds so collected shall be styled "The American Library Association Second War Service Fund."

Assuming favorable action by the Executive Board on the foregoing resolution, the War Service Committee at its meeting on June 8, 1918, passed the following supplementary votes which it likewise submitted for the approval of the Executive Board:

Voted, That after approval by the Executive Board of the American Library Association, the American Security and Trust Company as treasurer is authorized and requested from the American Library Association War Service moneys now in its hands to transfer seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from the general fund to a fund to be called the "Campaign Fund," such sum to be an initial appropriation for the purpose of meeting expenses in the second financial campaign.

Voted, That this "Campaign Fund" shall be kept separate from the two War Service Funds and shall be expended under the authorization of the Library War Finance Committee.

The Executive Board by unanimous vote ratified the above votes of the War Service Committee.

*The War Service Committee at its meeting held on June 8, 1918, in framing the proposed vote which it would submit for action by the Executive Board, made the proposed vote to read, "That the War Service Committee of the American Library Association through its sub-commitee on Library War Finance be authorized to *prepare a plan for* a second financial campaign," etc. The word "conduct" in place of "prepare a plan for" was substituted in the vote as passed by the Executive Board by that member of the War Service Committee who framed the original draft, namely Dr. Hill, chairman of the Committee on Library War Finance.

The War Service Committee notified the Executive Board that it would later approve and nominate to the said Board a depositary which shall act as treasurer for the "American Library Association Second War Service Fund."

The War Service Committee, at its meeting of June 8, 1918, having shown a detailed statement of bills paid from the \$2,000 fund voted by the committee on December 29, 1917, to the credit of George B. Utley, executive secretary, from which it appeared that a balance remained of only \$699.39, with considerable expenses in prospect incident to the Saratoga Springs conference, it was

Voted, That after approval by the Executive Board of the American Library Association, the American Security and Trust Company as treasurer is authorized and requested from the American Library Association War Service moneys in its hands, to transfer to the credit of George B. Utley, executive secretary, the sum of \$2,000, to be used to meet general expenses of the committee not justly chargeable to the fund voted to the credit of the War Service Fund, Herbert Putnam, general director; bills covering such expenses to be approved by the chairman of the committee, and checks to be drawn and signed by George B. Utley, executive secretary.

The Executive Board by unanimous vote ratified the above vote of the War Service Committee.

Voted, That the report of audit of the Finance Committee of the American Library Association of February 13, 1918, to the Executive Board, be officially adopted.

The report, previously placed in the hands of the Executive Board by correspondence, is as follows:

**Report of the A. L. A. Finance Committee
on audit of the accounts of the chairman
of the War Finance Committee**

To the Executive Board of the American Library Association:

The Finance Committee of the Association, having at your request examined the accounts of the chairman of the War Finance Committee, report as follows:

These accounts relate to two distinct lines of action:

(1) The campaign to secure the fund for camp libraries, and (2) the accounts of the fund itself.

As to the first, a partial audit was made as of November 2, 1917, by Messrs. Marwick, Mitchell, Peat and Company, chartered accountants. This the Finance Committee have accepted. This audit did not include certain advances by the assistant treasurer to the War Service Committee and certain payments of local campaign expenses which were to be repaid from the war fund. These items form account E.

All of accounts A, B, D and E were verified by the committee, the receipts checked against the bank statements and all the expenditures determined to have been covered by properly approved vouchers.

As to the fund itself, the expenditures have not been authorized or controlled by the War Finance Committee and the vouchers for these expenditures are not in the possession of its chairman. The receipts, however, have passed through his hands and have been recorded in his account C. These receipts the committee find to have been very carefully credited to the communities contributing. In some cases the state directors have made detailed reports of the total amount contributed from their state and in all but two of such cases the committee find that they are in absolute or very close agreement with the record of receipts. In other cases the directors' reports cover only a portion of the contributions from a given state and in quite a large number there were no state directors or no reports were received from them.

In all cases of the last class and also wherever a considerable proportion of contributions was not covered by the directors' reports, the committee examined the correspondence and reports from the individual towns and find that here also there is a very close agreement with the record.

The total amount stated in account C to have been received by the War Finance Committee to and including January 19, 1918, is \$1,573,153.79, which amount was deposited with the American Security and Trust Company of Washington as treasurer of the fund, as shown by their statements up to and including January 23, 1918. Deducting the monthly contributions the deposits amounted to \$1,570,386.44.

The total amount stated in the directors' reports and other correspondence to have

been contributed up to January 19, 1918, as nearly as could be ascertained by the committee, was \$1,574,610.83. Almost the whole of this difference occurred in the reports of two states. After correspondence, it was found that in some cases deductions for local expenses had not been reported and in others unpaid subscriptions had been reported as contributions. Some of these have since been paid. The few discrepancies remaining are still under investigation, but most of them are almost certainly due to the same causes. They are so small in amount, both absolutely and relatively, that the committee see no reason for delaying their report, especially as it would appear that the total amount received is slightly greater than the total reported as contributed.

The committee desire to call attention to and emphasize the great difficulties and complexities of the work of receiving and recording such a multitude of transactions, though it would require a careful examination of the correspondence to realize them fully. They wish, therefore, to express their high appreciation of the thoroughness, faithfulness and accuracy with which the work has been done.

ARTHUR L. BAILEY,
CLEMENT W. ANDREWS,
HARRISON W. CRAVER.

February 13, 1918.

The following Committee on Resolutions for the Saratoga Springs Conference was named by the President: Arthur E. Bostwick, Mary Eileen Ahern and Harrison W. Craver.

Voted, That the Executive Board employ counsel whenever necessary to assist it in all legal matters, such counsel to be employed on the nomination of the president of the Association.

Mr. Dudgeon having offered to present a plan for the systematic promotion of the reading of the best of the non-fiction books, it was

Voted, That Mr. Dudgeon be requested to present such a report within the next three months.

Voted, That the question of meeting the expenses incurred by the Board in connection with meetings other than the annual meetings be referred to the Finance Committee.

Adjourned.

SECOND SESSION

A meeting of the Executive Board was held July 5, 1918, at Saratoga Springs.

Present: President Bishop, A. L. Bailey, Frank P. Hill, Electra C. Doren, Linda A. Eastman and Josephine A. Rathbone.

Voted, unanimously, That the president obtain from counsel an opinion as to the relations between the American Library Association, its Executive Board, its War Service Committee and the general director of its Library War Service under certain resolutions passed by the American Library Association, the Executive Board and the War Service Committee, and to ascertain where the custody of the fund raised for library war service should be vested.

Voted, That Josephine A. Rathbone be appointed a member of the A. L. A. Publishing Board to fill the unexpired term of the late Henry E. Legler (term expires 1920).

Voted, That the president be authorized to fill the two existing vacancies on the A. L. A. Publishing Board caused by the expiration of terms of Arthur E. Bostwick and M. S. Dudgeon.

Voted, That the Committee on Finance for the coming year be constituted as follows: A. L. Bailey, chairman; C. W. Andrews, H. W. Craver.

Voted, That the secretary be authorized to distribute to such other accounts as are most in need the \$130 remaining in the "contingencies" account of the budget for the current fiscal year.

Voted, That the appointment of standing committees for the coming year be referred to the president with power.

At the suggestion and request of A. L.

Spencer, of South Canisteo, New York, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Executive Board of the American Library Association renews its endorsement of the plan for a special flat rate of local character over the rural delivery lines, the level of such rate to be fixed by the postal authorities as low as is consistent with the self-paying character of the postal service.

Coöperation with the U. S. Bureau of Education in the preparation and publication of war time reading lists, according to a plan outlined by J. L. Wheeler to the A. L. A. Publishing Board, being under consideration, it was

Voted, That the question of means of obtaining the requisite funds for preparing for publication certain war time reading lists be referred to the War Service Committee with the approval of the Executive Board of the lists proposed.

The secretary reported receipt of invitations from the following places for the next Conference of the Association: Asbury Park, Buffalo, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Voted, That the invitations for places of meeting for the next Conference be received and recorded, and action on place of meeting be deferred to a future meeting of the Board.

Voted, That the secretary be requested to prepare a statement of work in prospect for the coming year at the headquarters office or elsewhere which should have his personal attention, and to present this statement to the Executive Board at its next meeting.

Voted, That when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet at the call of the chair.

Adjourned.